

HOME EDITION

FRIDAY EVENING,

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WILD NIGHT OF INTERMITTENT
STORMS RUSHES WATER INTO
TWO HUNDRED TOPEKA HOMESParts of Topeka Flooded by
4-Inch Cloudburst Last Night.Kaw, Slowly Rising, Stands at
22 Feet This Afternoon.

LITTLE RAIN IN WATERSHED

Weather Bureau Does Not Ex-
pect Trouble From River.Lowlands Covered, but Dikes
Hold Torrents Within Banks.

BOAT PATROL IN PARTS OF CITY

Residents Forced to Leave and
Enter Homes by Water.Creeks Falling Quickly—North
Topeka Stands Ready.

Following one of the wildest nights of storms in the history of the local government weather bureau, Topeka stands shivering with wet feet today. The Kaw river is the highest since 1908, the Shunganunga, Soldier, Bidle and Ward creeks are raging rivers. Hundreds of homes are surrounded with water but no one has been injured. Along the upper Shunganunga in Topeka, near Seventeenth street and Eighth and Washington streets, the Shunganunga was at its danger point. The flood stage reached the first floors of many homes. In North Topeka Soldier creek is the highest in years and many North Topeka residents and business men are preparing to move. Others have moved.

The people as a whole are not alarmed.

Rise of 8 Feet in River.
The rains of Wednesday night in northeast Kansas, together with the heaviest twenty-four hour rainfall in Topeka with two exceptions, caused an eight-foot rise in the Kaw river at Topeka. The stage this afternoon was 22 feet.

Crest This Evening.
The stage of the Kaw river at Topeka was 22 feet even at 1:15 o'clock this afternoon, a rise of seven-tenths of a foot since 8 o'clock this morning. According to the local weather observer the crest may be reached late today, at least but little further rise is expected in the next twenty-four hours.

Highest Since 1908.
The stage of the river is the highest since the 1908 flood, when a maximum stage of 28 feet was reached, and while S. D. (Sunny) Flora, the local weather observer, admits that the condition is more or less serious he says that Topeka may feel "reasonably safe." "Indications are that the stage will not change much today," he said.

Nearly 4 Inches.
The storm which broke at Topeka at six o'clock Thursday evening and ended at 8:30 this morning netted 3.82 inches of water. Streets were transferred into breakers, torrents, and streams into small rivers. The electrical display was the most brilliant seen in Topeka in years, and it was accompanied by heavy claps of thunder that caused the timidly inclined to tremble with fear.

There was heavy wind, and at times the rain fairly came down in sheets. Streets overflowed and hundreds of Topeka cellars were filled with water. To add to the troubles of residents of the city, electric lights wavered and finally went out altogether in certain sections of the city.

Into 200 Houses.

The property loss to Topeka people as a result of flood water last night and today will run into thousands of dollars. An estimate of the damage is impossible. Water invaded at least two hundred homes to a depth of from a few inches to several feet. In many homes the water crept in silently while the occupants of the house were asleep, and no effort was made to remove carpets or furniture to the upper floors.

Newland Rescues Family.
Frank M. Newland, city commissioner of water and lighting who lives near Seventh and Lime streets, removed the members of his family from his home at 3 o'clock this morning. Mr. Newland had a boat in his barn at Sixth and Lake streets, and the members of his family were rowed from their home to a place of safety. Most of the damage was in South Topeka and on the East side.

Small Break in Dike.
A break in the Soldier creek dike in Garfield presented a serious situation. W. L. Porter, city commissioner of parks, immediately rushed bags of sand and cement to the place and an effort was made to stop the break through which a large stream of water was pouring. The water in Soldier creek at this point is higher than many of the first floors of houses on Quincy street and in the east part of North Topeka.

Boats in Readiness.
Early this morning Porter made arrangements with the Coca Cola company for use of twenty-three boats at Garfield park. He also engaged men and teams to be in readiness to rush the boats wherever they might be needed.

Five Inches of Water.

The rainfall at Topeka between

FLOOD SITUATION.

Weather bureau states that danger from flood along river is past. River stands at 21.9 feet and is rising slowly.

The Kaw river in 1908, the year of the big flood, stood at 32 feet. In 1908 the high water mark was 28 feet. It is not likely that even the 1908 mark will be reached.

Telephone calls from Manhattan, Junction City, Wamego, Abilene and other upper valley cities stated that all streams were high but no fear or alarm was prevalent.

Rapid rise in river last night due to combination of cloudburst here and the water from early Thursday morning rains up the valley.

Business men and residents of North Topeka, although placing confidence in the river dikes, are watching closely the rise in Soldier creek. Several persons have moved out today. Others are preparing to move in case of warning.

The Shunganunga creek endangered many homes in South Topeka today. Water stood in the streets and around hundreds of homes, flooding basements and damaging property.

Railroads report soft track and in some cases, running trains without schedules.

The Shunganunga was falling at noon. The Soldier was still rising, but not dangerous. The Soldier's dikes broke through at Menoken, six miles northwest of Topeka. This means an overflow of the lowlands but no danger to Topeka.

The creeks on the East side and in South Topeka receded rapidly today. All danger is past. The spillway is carrying away the flood water quickly.

three o'clock Thursday morning and 8:30 o'clock this morning was five inches. Between 4:15 o'clock Thursday morning and the same hour this morning the measurement was 4.87 inches. This was the heaviest twenty-four hours in rainfall on record in Topeka in twenty-eight years with two exceptions. September 6 and 7, 1909, there was an 8.3 inch rain, and July 6 and 7 of the same year the precipitation was 5.11 inches.

The highest stage of the river on record was 32.7 feet in 1908.

Rise at Wamego.
The government report today showed that the stage of the Kaw at Wamego was but 14.7 feet, or a rise of 4.3 feet since Thursday. According to the Wamego Reporter the river at that point was rising at the rate of two inches an hour this morning. Bank full stage at Wamego is 18 feet. The total rainfall for the Thursday night storm was .80 of an inch. The record for the previous day at Wamego was 2.04 inches.

Flooded Near Abilene.
C. M. Harger of the Abilene Reporter sent the following telegram to the State Journal this morning: "Smoky Hill reached twenty foot mark this morning as effect of floods up Solomon valley. Low lying fields near Solomon are flooded. Two feet more would spread over wide area. River practically stationary now. Heavy rain last night."

From the Tributaries.
The Republican river at Concordia was reported to be at the highest stage of the season—approximately eight feet above flood stage. To the north of the Concordia river the water began to crawl up around two new houses in flood area and many persons today prepared to leave their homes in case of further alarm.

It was the rain of early Thursday that caused the trouble. Forty miles of the Concordia there was a seven inch downpour.

Clyde, twelve miles east of Concordia, is cut off from that town because of the excessive rain. There has been little additional rain at Concordia.

Drop of one foot in the stage of the Blue river at Blue was reported.

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IS DIKE IN DANGER

Water Seeps Through the
South Side Embankment.Protective Measures Are Being
Taken by the County.

An anxious eye has been turned today upon the condition of the concrete dike protecting the south bank of the Kaw river just west of the Kansas avenue bridge. Seepage under the concrete wall has brought the level of the water outside the wall up to about that of the river itself. The possibility of the undermining of the wall called for emergency action on the part of the county engineer, Walter Arnold. "Danger to it comes from undermining, which can be minimized by any measure that prevents the working of the seepage water behind it. The wall should have been filled in with earth but the sand bags can be used with good effect now to increase the safety of the dike."

The bottom of the concrete wall is nearly 10 feet above low water mark," said County Engineer Walter Arnold. "Danger to it comes from undermining, which can be minimized by any measure that prevents the working of the seepage water behind it. The wall should have been filled in with earth but the sand bags can be used with good effect now to increase the safety of the dike."

WAR WIDOWS.

London, June 11.—How severely the naval and military losses to the war have already affected some communities in Great Britain is shown by the announcement that at Chatham, a naval base on the lower Thames, there are 180 war widows on one street. Most of them lost their sailor-husbands in the sinking of the Formidable, Hermes and Princess Irene.

BOND ISSUE IS O. K.

Public Utilities Commission
Grants Request of Santa Fe.The Road Desires to Sell Bonds
for \$11,052,000.

Bond issues by the Santa Fe Railway company, in excess of eleven million dollars, were approved today by the public utilities commission. Included in the issue is a block of bonds totalling \$10,808,000 to cover the purchase price of the Eastern Railway of New Mexico. This road, which includes more than 1,000 miles of track, was recently purchased by the Santa Fe and payment is made through the bond issue covering both the Santa Fe and Mexican railroads. The entire issue is made to the Morton Trust company under date of July 1, 1908, and is payable July 1, 1909.

BERLIN WILL KNOW AMERICA MEANS BUSINESS



1908. The \$10,808,000 issue is consolidated with an additional loan of seventeen million dollars floated prior to January 1, 1909, and two issues will mature concurrently.

Some months ago the Santa Fe system took over the Eastern Railway of New Mexico. It is to repay to the Santa Fe system the money advanced for the purchase of this line that the bonds were issued, according to a statement today by Judge A. E. Helm, counsel for the public utilities commission, who drafted the certificate approving the bonds.

A second Santa Fe issue was for \$244,000, maturing March 1, 1902. The bonds are included in a transfer of issues on the property of the California, Arizona and Santa Fe lines. An original issue of these bonds was made payable to foreign holders in pounds sterling. Recently it was agreed to change the terms of the issue to make the payment in American dollars. Instead of pounds sterling. The approval of the change made a record approval of Santa Fe bonds totalling \$11,052,000.

6 DROWN IN MINE

Miners Shoot Through Wall
Holding Back Lake.Workers Caught Like Rats in
Trap, Perish.

Joplin, Mo., June 11.—Six men are dead as a result of the flooding of Long Acre Chapman mine at Neck City, twenty miles north of here last night.

The men were working in a drift 700 feet long, 200 feet wide and 100 feet deep. A concrete structure, which prevented water from a large adjoining cave entering the pit in which the men worked, was shot through, and a flood of water fifty feet deep rushed into the mine.

The dead:

Dan Leaster, Neck City.

Edward Spencer, Neck City.

Ray Woodman, Neck City.

W. Smith, Purcell.

Harwood, Clinton, Miss.

Ten men were in the mine at the time of the accident. Three hurried to another shaft and were hoisted from the ground. Six were caught by the rush of the water. Martin Dunn was rescued.

The men killed were all partners, operating the mine.

TROOPS PATROL
ILLINOIS TOWN
IN RACE STRIFEMilitia at Johnson City Follow-
ing Lynching.Foreigner Strung Up Following
Shooting of Citizen.

PLOT TO SLAY MINE HEAD

Woman Wounded, Wrong Man
Murdered by Miners.Rioting at White Ash, Ill.;
Dwellings Are Burned.

Johnson City, Ill., June 11.—Three companies of the Illinois national guard were patrolling the streets here today, to quell a race disturbance between American and foreign miners growing out of the lynching yesterday of Joseph Strando, a foreigner. Strando, with three others, was ac-

THREE THOUSAND
MOTORCARS MIRE
IN THREE STATESRains Put Hosts of Tourists
Out of Running.Enough Money Lost to Build
Great Roads System.

HARVEST WORK IS DELAYED

Water Sets Harvest Back Ten
Days in Oklahoma.Applicants at Kansas City Are
Put Off for Week.

Kansas City, Mo., June 11.—"Three thousand motor cars crossing the country are stuck in the mud in Illinois, Missouri and Kansas," said Judge J. M. Lowe, president of the National Old Trails road, here today. "Missouri alone has lost money enough the last month to have built

TO CELEBRATE JULY 4TH
AS 'AMERICANIZATION DAY'

Washington, June 11.—Celebration on July 4th of "Americanization day"—a day for strengthening the American spirit of nationality and uniting all classes, creeds and races into one intelligent democracy, is being urged on the municipal and educational officers throughout the country by P. P. Claxton, federal commissioner of education.

"Americanization day" is a patriotic call to all citizens, American born and foreign born alike—adults and children to rally to American ideals, purposes and common interests of many people united into one nation," says Commissioner Claxton in a letter made public today, and sent to mayors of all cities.

TURK IS SECURE

Emden's Captain Says Constan-
tinople Is Impregnable.Impossible to Force Darda-
nelles, Declares Von Muecke.

Vienna, June 11.—(Wireless to London)—An interview with Captain Von Muecke, formerly of the German cruiser Emden, in which he says the forcing of the Dardanelles and the retaking of Constantinople are impossible, is published by the newspapers here.

Cut Off From Transports.

He declares submarine forces likely to cut off the water supply of allied troops on the Gallipoli peninsula, which would compel them to surrender, as they would be unable to return to their transports.

Captain Von Muecke says the guns of the British warships have been damaged by hard usage and the superintendant Queen Elizabeth soon will be compelled to withdraw on this account.

Turks Have Ammunition.

He asserts the Turks have plenty of ammunition and are magnificent fighters. They lost heavily at first under the fire of the guns from the fleet, but now have dug themselves in and are using the best means possible to destroy allied landing parties.

Captain Von Muecke apparently has arrived at Vienna on his way to Berlin, after having piloted the land party which was under his command when the Emden was sunk from Cocos Island, to safety at Damascus, whence it was not difficult for them to reach Constantinople.

ZEPPELINS SINK 2

Two British Fishing Smacks
Blasted by Airships.Glasgow Steamer Strathcarron
Sent Down by Plunger.

Maas Luis, Holland, June 11.—The British fishing smacks Welfare and Lausnia were attacked and sunk by Zeppelins in the North sea. The crews which took to their boats were picked up by a Dutch smack and brought here.

Steamer Is Torpedoed.

Cardiff, June 11.—The Glasgow steamship Strathcarron was torpedoed yesterday without warning by a German submarine which outran the British from Barry. The crew, which put off in boats, was rescued by a steamer and landed here.

The steamer Strathcarron was a vessel of 2,807 tons built in 1912 at Greenock and owned by the Strathcarron Steamship company of Glasgow. She sailed from Havre May 28 for Barry, where she arrived from June 2 and was reported to have entered the government service.

Russian Bark Down.

London, June 11.—The Russian bark Thomasina has been torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine off the southwest coast of Ireland. The members of the crew of the sailing ship have been landed at Queenstown.

Swedish Steamer Sunk.

London, June 11.—The Swedish steamer Otago, bound for Hull was torpedoed and sunk last night. The Russian steamer Dania has been torpedoed by a German submarine. The members of her crew were saved.

Temperatures Today.

The temperature today was four de-

grees below normal.

The hourly readings:

7 o'clock 64 11 o'clock 67

8 o'clock 67 12 o'clock 67

9 o'clock 67 1 o'clock 73

10 o'clock 67 2 o'clock 76

The following are the elevations of prominent points along Kansas avenue expressed in feet and tenths above zero of the weather bureau gauge located at the south end of the Melan bridge:

Rock Island tracks at R. I. depot.....30.8

Cane Street crossing.....26.2

North end of Melan bridge.....31.2

Curtis Street crossing.....27.0

Union Pacific tracks.....26.4

Fire Station in North.....23.5

Fairchild Street crossing.....22.6

Kistler Street crossing.....21.2

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Saywell Street crossing.....22.2

Farmore Street crossing.....21.3

Garfield Street crossing.....20.3

U. S. NOTE IS DELIVERED
AT BERLIN; NEWSPAPER
HEADS IN SOMBRE TONE

Berlin, June 11.—Ambassador Gerard presented the American note at the German foreign office at 1:10 p. m. today.

The note, though printed in full and given the greatest prominence in the Berlin newspapers, was not accompanied by editorial comment, in the editions appearing up to 3 o'clock. The headlines of the newspaper varied in wording, but were similar in tone. Among the captions were:

"America Stands Firm."

"A Very Solemn Warning."

"Grave American Warning to Germany."

"A Grave Appeal."

NEW U. S.
NOTE FIRM;
PACIFIC!Paper Drawn to Maintain Dig-
nity of Two Nations.Diplomats See Solution Com-
patible to Interests of Both.

BASED ON LAW OF HUMANITY

Principle of Persuasion, Not
Force, Is Employed.Officials Unable to See Why
Bryan Couldn't Sign.

Washington, June 11.—With the publication today of the latest American note to Germany concerning the sinking of the Lusitania, officials of the United States government and diplomatists generally discussed among themselves the probable character of the German government's answer.

While there was no definite information, the feeling in German quarters was that a favorable response was likely, as the note seemed to open the door to a solution compatible alike with the interests of both Germany and the United States.

The note, it was said, was purposely phrased so that it would give Germany an opportunity to meet the wishes of the United States with dignity and conformity with German public opinion.

Many officials wondered why Secretary Bryan declined to sign the note, which they regarded as friendly in tone and carrying many expressions of good will. They claimed its friendliness was the very means that he had suggested—persuasion—to accomplish the American purpose. Most everybody in official circles disagreed with Mr. Bryan that the note might lead to war.

Long Wait for Reply.
Officials today settled down to await Germany's answer, which was (Continued on Page Nine.)

NO FLOOD DANGER

Situation Is Much Better Than
It Was in 1908.Comparative Figures on River
Stages Now and Then.

With the stages of the tributaries of the Kaw river much higher than those prevailing today there was a drop in the Kaw at Topeka in 1908. This should give encouragement to those who have felt alarm. The stage of the river at Manhattan was 18.9 feet which would be practically the same as the stage at Wamego. Today the stage at Wamego was but 14.7 feet.

The flood of 1908 when the stage at Topeka reached 28 feet was caused by the overflow of the Blue river. The stage of the Blue at Blue Rapids at that time was 34 feet; today it was 16.5.

According to the local weather observer it takes 36 hours for water in the Kaw at Wamego to reach Topeka. The following are the elevations of prominent points along Kansas avenue expressed in feet and tenths above zero of the weather bureau gauge located at the south end of the Melan bridge:

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Western League Park Flooded—Post-
pone Des Moines Contest.

On account of the flooded condition of Western league park, it will be impossible to play the scheduled game between Des Moines and Topeka this afternoon. Owner Savage called off the contest this morning.

The grounds should be in shape by tomorrow afternoon.

BASEBALL TODAY.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Boston at Pittsburgh—No game; wet grounds.

Weather Forecast for Kansas.

Partly cloudy tonight; unsettled and warmer Saturday.

Nobel Peace Prize to the Pope.

Rome, June 11.—It is officially confirmed that the pope will be awarded the Nobel peace prize.